

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

(This listing of claims replaces all previous claim listings)

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the computer network is the Internet.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 further comprising:  
determining whether the at least one response from the first user to the at least one request is valid and sending at least one additional request to the first user for additional non-signature information when the at least one response from the first user is invalid.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 further comprising:  
determining whether the at least one response from the second user to the at least one request is valid and sending at least one additional request to the second user for additional non-signature information when the at least one response from the second user is invalid.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 further comprising:  
performing a routine determined from the first part of the selected document to provide feedback to the first user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response from the first user to the at least one request .

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 further comprising:  
performing a routine determined from the second part of the selected document to provide feedback to the second user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response from the second user to the at least one request .

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 further comprising:

performing a routine determined from the second part of the selected document to provide feedback to the second user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response from the second user to the at least one request.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method of interactive processing of a document to be completed by more than one user over a computer network comprising:

selecting a document to be completed by more than one user, ~~the document~~;

providing at least one request to a first user at a first location on a computer network for non-signature information to complete a first part of the document;

receiving at least one response from the first user to the at least one request for non-signature information to complete the first part of the document;

writing non-signature information obtained from the at least one response from the first user to at least one digital file;

performing a first digital signature routine on the at least one digital file to obtain a first digital signature of the at least one digital file;

creating a first time stamp corresponding to a first time of submission of the non-signature information obtained from the at least one response from the first user;

sending the first digital signature and the first time stamp to a first remote location;

providing at least one request to a second user at a second location on the computer network for non-signature information to complete a second part of the document;

receiving at least one response from the second user to the at least one request for non-signature information to complete the second part of the document, the non-signature information received from the second user being independent of the non-signature information obtained from the at least one response from the first user;

writing non-signature information obtained from the at least one response from the second user to the at least one digital file;

performing a second digital signature routine on the at least one digital file to obtain a second digital signature of the at least one digital file;

creating a second time stamp corresponding to a second time of submission of the non-signature information obtained from the at least one response from the second user; and

sending the second digital signature and the second time stamp to a second remote location.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A system for interactive processing of a document comprising:

a storage device;

a processor connected to the storage device and to a first and second user on a computer network;

a timing device connected to the processor;

the storage device storing a program to control the processor; and

the program including instructions that direct the processor to control the:

sending of at least one request determined from a first part of a selected document to a first user at a first location on a computer network;

receiving of at least one response to the at least one request from the first user;

writing of non-signature information obtained from the at least one response from the first user onto at least one digital file;

determining of a first time stamp from the timing device corresponding to the receipt of the at least one response from the first user to the at least one request ;

performing of a first digital signature routine on the at least one digital file to obtain an original digital signature;

recording of the first time stamp and first original digital signature associated with the at least one digital file in a database;

sending of at least one request determined from a second part of the selected document to a second user at a second location on a computer network;

receiving of at least one response from the second user to the at least one request;

writing of non-signature information obtained from the at least one response from the second user to at least one digital file, the non-signature information received from the second user being independent of the non-signature information obtained from the at least one response from the first user;

performing of a routine determined from the second part of the selected document to provide feedback to the second user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response from the second user to the at least one request received.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11 wherein the computer network is the Internet.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11 wherein the program includes instructions that direct the processor to control the determining of whether the at least one response from the first user to the at least one request is valid and sending at least one additional request to the first user for additional non-signature information when the at least one response from the first user is invalid.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13 wherein the program includes instructions that direct the processor to control the determining of whether the at least one response from the second user to the least one request is valid and sending at least one additional request to the second user for additional non-signature information when the at least one response from the second user is invalid.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11 wherein the program includes instructions that direct the processor to control the performing of a routine determined from the first part of the selected document to provide feedback to the first user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response from the first user to the at least one request.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11 wherein the program includes instructions that direct the processor to control the:

performing of a routine determined from the second part of the selected document to provide feedback to the second user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response from the second user to the at least one request .

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the program includes instructions that direct the processor to control the

performing of a routine determined from the second part of the selected document to provide feedback to the second user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response from a second user to the at least one request.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable program code executable on a computer, the computer readable program code comprising:

a computer usable medium having the computer readable program code embodied therein to interactively process a document to be completed by more than one user over a computer network, the computer readable program code including:

computer readable program code that controls the selection of a document to be completed by more than one user;

computer readable program code that generates at least one request to a first user at a first location on a computer network for non-signature information to complete a first part of the document;

computer readable program code that receives at least one response from the first user to the at least one request to complete the first part of the document;

computer readable program code that writes non-signature information obtained from the at least one response from the first user to at least one digital file;

computer readable program code that performs a first digital signature routine on the at least one digital file to obtain a first digital signature of the at least one digital file;

computer readable program code that generates a first time stamp corresponding to a first time of submission of the non-signature information obtained from the at least one response from the first user;

computer readable program code that sends the first digital signature and the first time stamp to a first remote location;

computer readable program code that generates at least one request to a second user at a second location on the computer network for non-signature information to complete a second part of the document;

computer readable program code that receives at least one response to the at least one request from the second user to complete the second part of the document;

computer readable program code that writes non-signature information obtained from the at least one response from the second user to the at least one digital file, the non-signature information received from the second user being independent of the non-signature information obtained from the at least one response from the first user;

computer readable program code that performs a second digital signature routine on the at least one digital file to obtain a second digital signature of the at least one digital file;

computer readable program code that generates a second time stamp corresponding to a second time of submission of the non-signature information obtained from the at least one response from the second user; and

computer readable program code that sends the digital signature and the second time stamp to a second remote location.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer readable program code of claim 18 wherein the computer network is the Internet.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer readable program code of claim 18 further comprising:

computer readable program code that determines whether the at least one response from the first user to the at least one request is valid and sending at least one additional request to the first user for additional non-signature information when the at least one response from the first user is invalid.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer readable program code of claim 20 further comprising:

computer readable program code that determines whether the at least one response from the second user to the at least one request is valid and sending at least one additional request to the second user for additional non-signature information when the at least one response from the second user is invalid.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer readable program code of claim 18 further comprising:

computer readable program code that performs a routine determined from the first part of the selected document to provide feedback to the first user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response from the first user to the at least one request.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer readable program code of claim 18 further comprising:

computer readable program code that performs a routine determined from the second part of the selected document to provide feedback to the second user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response from the second user to the at least one request .

24. (Currently Amended) The computer readable program code of claim 22 further comprising:

computer readable program code that performs a routine determined from the second part of the selected document to provide feedback to the second user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response from the second user to the at least one request .

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the first remote

location is the same as the second remote location.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the first user provides contact information for the second user so as to send the at least one request from the second part of the selected document to the second user.

28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the first user provides contact information for the second user so as to send the at least one request from the second part of the selected document to the second user.

29. (Currently Amended) The computer readable program code of claim 18, wherein the first user provides contact information for the second user so as to send the at least one request from the second part of the selected document to the second user.